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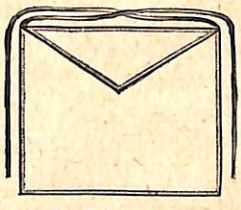

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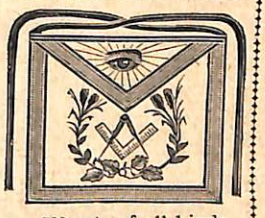

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SIDNEY SMITH.

This month we present our readers with a lifelike portrait of our smallest Past Junior Grand Warden on earth, and yet one of the biggest hearted brothers in the west. Sidney, like many of us, is a joiner, and the garb in which he is here arrayed betokens his honors as a Chancellor Commander of the Knights of Pythias. He was born in Wisconsin Nov. 15, 1857. He is a newspaper man, having been one of the publishers of the *Sac Sun*, and now on the *Gazette* force of this city. He is a Past Master, and has all the additional degrees, including the 32° and the Shrine. He was the first C. C. of Cedar Rapids Lodge 98, K. of P., and is also an Elk. He was married April, 1892, to Miss Lura E. Brown, of Little Rock, Ark., and in his wife we find a charming lady and a talented writer. All who know "Sid" appreciate his genial spirit and his social worth.

GRAN DIETA.

Bro. Joseph Robbins, of Illinois, in his correspondence for 1898, says of the Gran Dieta of Mexico:

"It is to be hoped that soon we can all rest in the assurance that the last half of the witty description applied to another hybrid, the mule—that it had 'neither pride of ancestry nor hope of posterity,' is as true of the gran dieta as the first half is."—*Masonic Token*.

Among the Lodges.

GRAND LODGE OF IOWA.

The Grand Communication was held this year at Mason City, and the preliminary school began Friday, June 2d, under the direction of the custodians. The attendance was large and the results profitable.

By Monday evening the town was crowded with visitors and Mason City began to remind one of some gala occasion.

The daily *Globe-Gazette* reports over seven hundred delegates at the opening ceremonies Tuesday morning, June 6th.

The Grand Master's address was in the usual masterly style and contained much important matter.

New lodges have been formed at Lorimer, Walnut and Everly, which, with Lost Nation and Thornton, made five new lodges U. D.

The address of welcome was delivered by Hon. Mayor Brett, and a quartet for musical advantage was composed of Charley Clark, Bro. Ehlers, Coppock, Shipley and Reinke.

Tuesday evening an excursion to Clear Lake *a-la trolley* was the event. During this time Unity Chapter O. E. S. held its regular meeting and after the work had several speeches by visitors.

BUSINESS CHIPS.

"Washington day" was adopted as a memorial day for Iowa Masons. On the present status of the Grand Lodge of Washington here is Iowa's comment:

NEGRO MASONRY.

The most important action perhaps was on the report of the action of Washington Grand Lodge on the so-called negro Masonry. This report was adopted, the following being the language:

"The Grand Lodge of Iowa, claiming for itself the right of independent thought and action, limited by a careful recognition of the Masonic Landmarks, has no desire to exercise censorship over other Grand Lodges. While free to criticise action it deems to be erroneous in others and inviting fair criticism of its own action, this Grand Lodge desires to maintain in its purity that spirit of independence and equality that should ever exist between Co-ordinate Grand Lodges. Sincerely regretting the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington in renewing the agitation of a question deemed long since settled, and regarding such action as ill-advised and well calculated to disturb the harmony so essential to the welfare and prosperity of the fraternity, the Grand Lodge of Iowa deems its present duty fully performed in expressing the earnest hope that on further consideration, the Grand Lodge of Washington will rescind former action, and place itself in line with the well recognized doctrine and Masonic sentiment of this country."

GRAND OFFICERS.

M. W. G. M.—Thos. Lambert, Sabula.
S. G. W.—R. M. Hunter, Sibley.
J. G. W.—Will E. Randall, Mason City.
G. T.—O. L. Wright, Knoxville.
G. Sec.—T. S. Parvin, Cedar Rapids.

Cedar Rapids gets the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

A musical program was the feature of Wednesday evening.

The standing committees for the year are:

Foreign Correspondence—Rev. J. C. W. Coxe.

Masonic Jurisprudence—W. L. Eaton, C. M. Brooks, C. W. Neal.

Trustee Grand Charity Fund—J. D. Gamble, P. G. M.

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The appointed officers are as follows.

R. W. Deputy Grand Master—Bro. F. W. Craig, of Des Moines, Capitol Lodge, No. 110.

W. Deputy Grand Secretary—Bro. N. R. Parvin, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa City Lodge, No. 4.

R. W. Grand Chaplain—Bro. W. A. Shanklin, of Dubuque, Metropolitan Lodge No. 49.

W. Senior Grand Deacon—Bro. R. A. Schroeder, of Sabula, Resurgum Lodge, No. 169.

W. Junior Grand Deacon—Bro. E. C. Abbey, of Garner, Bethel Lodge, No 319.

W. Senior Grand Steward—Bro. W. F. Kneebles, of Pella, Pella Lodge, No. 55.

W. Junior Grand Steward—Bro. M. E. Lawther, of Maquoketa. Jackson Lodge, No. 42.

W. Grand Marshal—Bro. W. B. Martin, of Greenfield, Crusade Lodge, No. 386.

W. Grand Tyler—Bro. A. N. Alberson, of Washington, Washington Lodge, No. 26.

RESCIND THEIR ACTIONS.

WASHINGTON MASONS CHANGE VIEWS ON THE NEGRO QUESTION.

Prof. T. S. Parvin, Grand Secretary of Iowa Masons and Librarian of the Iowa Masonic Library, this morning, June 28th, received official notification from the Grand Lodge of the state of Washington, saying that that body, in annual session, has rescinded its action of a year ago by which certain negro Masons were admitted to privileges of the order.

This will be interesting news to Masons everywhere, for upon the announcement of the decision of the Washington Masons last year the Grand Lodges, or Grand Masters of the various jurisdictions of the United States began to take radical action, adopting resolutions, or issuing orders by which all connection with the Washington Grand Lodge was severed. At its recent session the Iowa Grand Lodge adopted resolutions similar to those passed in a number of states, all of which were transmitted to the Washington Masons.

As is well known, the colored people have a Masonic body of their own, They have never been recognized nor privileged to sit in the lodges of the whites, however, and the recent action of the fraternity in several states indicates that it will be a long while before the matter comes up again.—*Gazette.*

OUR GRAND MASTER.

Iowa Masonry may well feel proud of the choice of their representatives for this high office. M. W. Bro. Thomas Lambert has earned the commendation of his brothers and well deserves his reward. We gain a good Grand Master, and we lose the best chairman of the committee on chartered lodges we ever had. Our Grand Master brings to the office a fitness born of years of active life and a close observance of the tenets of the institution. His administration will be a success, and his work will be well and faithfully done. We behold our Most Worshipful Grand Master and heartily salute him with the grand honors.

Over in Illinois, at each school of instruction the Grand Master held a conference on one afternoon for the discussion of matters of interest to lodges.

The Royal Arch.

At Ft. Dodge, thus far the present year, Delta Chapter No. 51, of which Comp. W. M. Frautz is E. H. P., has exalted four "teams," and has eight or nine petitions to act upon their next communication. They expect to work "all summer."

They have an "Iowa" Chapter in Wisconsin, (Mineral Point, No. 4), and it is not clandestine either.

In the Commanderies

GRAND COMMANDERY.

FESTAL WEEK—JULY 9 TO 14, 1899.

TEMPLAR PARK, IOWA.

PROGRAM.

SUNDAY, JULY 9TH.

Religious services in the Asylum, conducted by Rev. Dr. Thos. E. Green, Grand Prelate.

TUESDAY, JULY 11TH.

9:00 A. M.—Officers Drill.
10:00 A. M.—Opening of the Grand Commandery.
Afternoon—Band Concert.
7:30 P. M.—Dress Parade.
8:30 P. M.—Reception and Social.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12TH.

9:00 A. M.—Drill.
10:00 A. M.—Session of Grand Commandery.
7.30 P. M.—Dress Parade.
8:30 P. M.—Lecture by Grand Prelate. Title—"The Key of the XX Century."

THURSDAY, JULY 13TH.

9:00 A. M.—Drill.
10:00 A. M.—Session of Grand Commandery.
7:30 P. M.—Dress Parade.
8:30 P. M.—Ladies Social.

FRIDAY, JULY 14TH.

9:00 A. M.—Drill.
10.00 A. M.—Installation of Officers.
Closing Session of Grand Commandery.
Afternoon—Band Concert.

GRAND ORDER NO. 4.

From the headquarters of the Grand Commander of Iowa is out.

The annual conclave will open July 11, at 10:00 A. M., and continue four days.

The usual reduction in rates on the railroads is made.

Terms for board and the use of rooms is the same as last year, viz: Rooms $2.00; board 50c per meal; $1.25 per day for four days or over; $7:00 per week.

FROM SIR KNIGHT J. H. REDMAN, ST. LOUIS, MO.

I had the pleasure of being the guest of St. Aldemar, No. 18, K. T., of St. Louis, and saw five candidates inducted into the illustrious order of the Red Cross last night. We had a very fine banquet, and the robes used by the officers were the finest I ever saw. The Sovereign Master's cost $175.00. It was indeed a Council of Princes and Rulers as in addition to the regular officers, including Secretary and Treasurer who were also robed in georgeous array, there were 12 Princes sitting with the Sovereign Master arrayed in purple and fine linen; 6 Persian guards and a captain at the gates of the Palace, all arrayed in Persian uniforms of green and gold, armed with spears and shields. Then there was a court guard of 12 and a captain dressed in red with short silk cloaks, battle-axes and shields, and the military evolutions they performed while acting as escort were new, novel and appropriate, worth anyone's while to see. Some very fine work done here. Corner stone of new Masonic Temple to be laid here on St. John's day, and new life is being imparted into all the bodies; all of them have plenty of work on hand.

Yours in the faith, J. H. R.

Corinthian Chasseur Commandery No. 53, of Pennsylvania, has a "ladies auxiliary," which "has been efficient in rendering the Commandery valuable assistance, having by their efforts secured a number of beautiful banners which now grace the Asylum." There's a suggestion to some of our Iowa Commanderies in the above item.

The arrangements for the Triennial Conclave at Louisville, Ky., in 1901, are already well under way. Golden Gate Commandery of California; St. Aldemar, St. Louis; Apollo, Chicago; Joseph Warren, Boston; Beauseant, Baltimore; St. John's, Philadelphia, and Pillsbury, Pittsburg, have engaged quarters—the last named the whole house for 300 members. Commanderies in any jurisdiction may attend divine services without dispensation.

The Grand Commandery of Missouri, elected Sir John Greenough unanimously as Grand Commander. Well done.

Says the *Masonic Tidings* "There are 1,233 Commanderies of Knights Templar in the world, with a total membership of 118,671. In the United States 1,009 of these, having 11,121,869 members are to be found" Now where can anybody find it in his heart to cut off that few extra million when he knows it ought to be so?

The Eastern Star.

Less slowly and more surely is this order receiving the recognition it deserves as a co-ordinate body in Masonry, than the additional Rites and degrees now generally accepted among the brothers. This has wrought no harm, no division, no evil among us, and we have no fears that it ever will.

The Grand Lodge of North Carolina has endorsed the O. E. S., by resolution at its annual Communication held in January.

Out in Colorado the Grand Matron decided that a Chapter could not legally hold a session without the presence of a male member—the committee on jurisprudence refused to approve—the Grand Chapter sat down on them and ordered them to prepare an amemdment in harmony with the decision. Now, we presume, all will be lovely. Let those male members stay out in Colorado, for in some jurisdictions such a decision would never be made; we doubt if it would be in Iowa.

The Scottish Rite.

The Supreme Council of the northern jurisdiction is in a most flourishing condition. There are 32 consistories with 21,372 members; 58 chapters of Rose Croix with 21,718 members; 63 Council of Princes of Jerusalem with 22,256 members; 80 Lodges of Perfection with 25,012 members. The Supreme Council has cash assets of $157,375.96, all well invested in good paying securities.—*Orphans' Friend.*

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GRAND GATHERINGS.

GRAND LODGES MEET.
Iowa, Mason City, June 6, 1899.

CROM BOWEN.....Des Moines.....GRAND MASTER
T. S. Parvin.....Cedar Rapids.....Grand Secretary

CONVOCATIONS, R. A. M.
Iowa, Grand, Red Oak, October 19th, 1899.
W. F. CLEVELAND...Harlan...GRAND HIGH PRIEST
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Secretary

CONCLAVES K. T.
Grand Encampment, Louisville, Ky., Aug. 27, 1901.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July 14, 1899.
G. W. BEVER.....Cedar Rapids..GRAND COMMANDER
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Recorder

GRAND CHAPTERS O. E. S.
General Grand (U. S.) Sept., 1900, Cincinnati.
Iowa, Oct. 1899, Davenport.
MRS. M. B. RATHBUN..Clinton.....GRAND MATRON
W. H. Norris.....Manchester.....Grand Patron
Mrs. Maria Jackson...Council Bluffs.....Grand Recorder

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.
Imperial Council, Washington, D. C., June 5, 1900.
JOHN H. ATWOOD, Leavenworth, Kan IMP. POTENTATE
Ben. W. Rowell.....Boston, Mass.....Recorder

El-Kahir Temple, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
E. I. ALDERMAN .....Marion..... POTENTATE
John Westley Geiger.....Marion..... .....Recorder

TO OUR EXCHANGES,

Will those of our exchanges heretofore sent to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, please change the address to Marion, Iowa, and oblige US? Several miles of street car riding will be saved and the exchanges reach us more promptly. Either change or cancel. See? tf

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Once more the claim that the late Jefferson Davis was a Mason is on the "rounds," and Grand Secretary Powers' letter of 1897, showing that he was not, was re-printed in the *Tyler* of May 15th. The autograph copy of that letter from Mr. Davis is in Dr. Parvin's collection at the library in this city.

IOWA-WASHINGTON.

The report of the committee to the Grand Lodge of Iowa (1899), on the widely heralded action of the Grand Lodge of Washington, in regard to "negro Masonry," is a document which no Grand Jurisdiction would be ashamed to father. It deals openly with the well known facts of Masonic *custom*, paliates no wrong that may have been done or that might follow the action of Washington, and yet justly refrains from too hastily severing fraternal relations, so dear to the brother who travels and works as a Master Mason. In fact this position is the true one, and we are glad that Iowa does not stand alone in its dignified protest against undue haste which works evil to the humble craftsman who had no part or lot in the trouble. Criticise all that is needful, but withdraw fellowship only as the last extremity.

"Iowa is all right."

OUR NEWTON LETTER.

EDITOR FREEMASON AND FEZ:—Perhaps a line from Newton in relation to our Masonic orders might not be out of place at this time.

It is well known that Newton is a Masonic town. With a population of 4,000, we have Oriental Commandery No. 22, with a membership of 115 in good standing, nine of them knighted since January 1, of this year, and the Commandery is in a flourishing condition.

Gebal Chapter No. 12 has a membership of 110, and is working every month and more to follow.

Newton Lodge No. 59, A. F. & A. M., has a membership of 196, and is one of the best working lodges in this jurisdiction.

Newton Chapter No. 100, Order of the Eastern Star, now has a membership of 200, the largest in Iowa, and is an honor to the city whose name it bears, an honor to Masonry, and the assertion made by Past Grand Master Dewey in his annual address a year ago, "where you find a live working Eastern Star Order, there you will find a live energetic Lodge of Masons," has proven true with our orders.

The Eastern Star can boast of perfect harmony, no person, or set of persons have ever tried to create a disturbance, all work together for the good of the order, and to make somebody better, her 200 members

are live energetic workers, and try to make the order a blessing to Masonry.

By this you will see that the Masonic Orders here are prosperous and happy.

A. MASON.

THE WASHINGTON CENTENARY.

The observance at Mt. Vernon, Dec. 14, 1899, of the centennial of the death of the great Mason and father of his country, promises to be an event of great interest. The services, as now proposed, will be at Mt. Vernon, on the afternoon of Dec. 14, to consist of a procession from the east porch to the grove, where impressive historical addresses will be delivered. In the evening the Masons will entertain their distinguished guests with a banquet in Washington City. There will be thousands at the ceremonials.

Oliver H. P. Belmont is W. M. of St. John's Lodge No. 1, Newport, R. I.

The Mystic Shrine.

THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

To describe it all would take a bigger book and a longer time than we could afford. To enjoy it you must be there, to tell it you must be in the rush and whirl of the "only" great Shrine round-up of the year.

The hurrying caravans led in by the Io-So-Dak-El-Kahir-El-Riad train, began to arrive Monday, June 12th, and from that date to the close of the week Buffalo was ours. We cannot describe the hospitalities or dwell upon the wells in the desert, but must reserve our space for

THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

Wednesday morning, June 14, the Council assembled in German American Hall, after a parade. The routine business was despatched in true Arabic style "within the hour."

The Imperial Potentate's address was read. During the year the following prominent officers have died: Sept. 18, 1898, Jos. T. Haskell, of Abdallah; Oct. 16, Geo. W. Starr, of Bowmi; Dec. 29, A. W. Peters, of Mecca; April 15, 1899, Joseph Eichbaum, of Syria. The Charter of Salaam Temple, Olney, Ill., was revoked and the property returned, as per order of last year.

To give the committees time to work, the Council took a recess for the day.

Thursday, June 15, the Council assembled at 9:30. The committes reported.

The place of the next meeting was fixed at Washington, D. C., and June 5th was made the time, *provided* the Imperial Potentate, after consultation with Almas Temple, may make such changes as the good of the Order may require. [It is to hoped that the middle of May will be settled on as it will be far more pleasant then.—ED.]

The finances were shown to be in splendid condition:

On hand last year, -	$14,798 96
Received, - - -	19,717 65
Interest, - - -	123 82
Total, - - -	34,640 43
Disbursements, - -	18,953 15
Balance on hand, -	$15,687 28

$1,000.00 was set apart for the contingent expenses of the incoming Imperial Potentate. The salary of the Imperial Recorder was fixed at $2,400.00, which is a slight increase over last year.

The changes in the laws were but few, and none of any vital difference from the old.

All members of the Council, except Imperial Potentate, must be representatives elect from their Temples.

Temples not charging stated dues must provide passports for the current year for their members.

Neither Potentate or Rabbans can resign after installation, but vacancies by death are to be filled at a special election, and any vacancies occasioned by the election are to be filled at the same time.

Charley Field extended an invitation for the Council to meet in San Francisco in 1901, so "On to the Occident" will follow "On to Washington."

The By-Laws of Zem Zem, Kaaba, and Osman were approved.

The question of where a man is "resident" when applying for Nobility, was decided to be where the applicant makes his home.

Passports will hereafter bear, in addition to the present wording, the following "For the period stated therein."

A bottle of sand from "Saharra," Arabia, was presented to the Council by Lon B. Winsor, and on motion was placed with Dr. S. R. Ellison in the Mecca Den.

Two hundred and eleven names were checked on the roll, 200 of them were credited as being present.

Klurah Temple, Binghampton, was granted a dispensation. Zenobia Temple, Toledo, Ohio, was granted a Charter.

IMPERIAL OFFICERS.

J. H. Atwood, Leavenworth, Kan., I. P.
Lon B. Winsor, Reed City, Mich., D.I.P.
P. C. Shaffer, Philadelphia, Pa., I.C. R.
H. C. Aiken, Omaha. Neb., I. A. R.
G. H. Green, Dallas, Texas, I. H. P.
G. L. Brown, Buffalo, I. O. Gd.
W. S. Brown, Pittsburg, Pa., I. T.
B. W. Rowell, Boston, I. Rec.
H. A. Collins, Toronto, I. F. C. M.
R. S. Peck, Hartford, Conn., I. S. C. M.
A. P. Clayton, St. Joseph, Mo., I. M.
A. N. Sloan, Chattanooga, Tenn., I.C.G.
E. I. Alderman, Marion, Iowa, I. O. G.

The retiring Imperial Potentate, E. F. Allen, installed the Imperial officers.

A rich collation was served on the roof of the hall, after which the Imperial Council of 1899 was a thing of the past, and the one of 1900 asserted itself.

Buffalo deserves the warm praise it is getting for the entertainment given us.

Some kicking is being indulged in regarding the promiscuous attendance of Nobles and their ladies at the place of the Imperial Council. Pooh!

When any one city wants to get a pointer how to do it right, let them write to "Ros" Knight, Buffalo, N. Y. Our people have the price and will pay, and we bet Washington don't put a fence around the Imperial Council next year.

We say, let the Nobility crowd the hotels and homes of the cities where we go, and let the "nibs" takes notice that when it is the meeting of the "representatives exclusively," it will be also the announcement of the end.

ON TO WASHINGTON.

Almas Temple will be the host in 1900, and we opine that Harrison Dingman's people are not the kind to receive the caravans with a string to their hospitality—No, sir! Just watch their smoke.

"On to Washington."

"THE KIDS."

Owing to the unavoidable absence to the Imperial Patron of the Kids, (Harrison Dingman), no romp was held at Buffalo, but now that we meet in his own city in 1900, we will have a time, and our Imperial "Pop" will find the place.

EVANS—GRIFFITH.

The junior member of the El-Kahir Temple delegation to the Imperial Council at Buffalo, was Frank Olin Evans, of Des Moines, whose portrait was in our June number, and while the young couple tried to play "old folks," it became pretty well noised abroad that they were newly married. It is our pleasure to announce that on Thursday, June 8, 1899. F. O. Evans was united in marriage to Miss Nettie Mae Griffith, all of Des Moines, Iowa. Our best wishes go with them.

Order of Isis.

FATIMA NO. 1 AT COURT.

Fatima Crescent No. 1, of Waterloo, did the work on a number of candidates at Cedar Rapids, June 10, 1899. The officers are to be congratulated on their appearance at Court and the efficiency with which they did the work. One candidate (from Utah) took all there was and wanted more, and some who looked on cried enough long before the end came. The pre-Buffalo-Vigil will go on the *sands* as grains of history and shores of pleasure. Get ready for the great annual pilgrimage next Dec. 13, 1899.

Our Dead.

Richardson, H. L., May 27, 1899, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Fraternities.

The editor of this journal is looking for information which will be used for the common good in this department. Address, Drawer E, Marion Iowa.

FRATERNITIES AT THE GREATER AMERICAN EPPOSITION, OMAHA, JULY 1, TO NOV. 1, 1899.

The fraternities are to have a building allotted to their use, and the prospects are that a national fraternal convention will be held at some time during the Exposition. Here is what the managements says:

"The management of the Greater American Exposition to be held at Omaha this summer, has set aside one of the handsomest and most commodious buildings on the grounds for use as fraternal headquarters. It is the Nebraska building, which last year cost the state nearly $30,000. Every known fraternity will be invited to establish headquarters therein. The building will be attractively furnished and cared for by the

exposition, and each fraternity will be allowed free representation therein, with free admission for its representatives. The plan comprises a succession of fraternity special days that will attract thousands from near and far, each with its special ceremonies and celebrities. Mr. F. F. Roose, of Omaha, a well-known fraternity promoter, has been placed in charge of this feature, which is meeting with wide favor."

The move is in the right direction and we hope it will be generally concurred in. No fraternity ought to fail, however small, to fling its banner to the breeze at this Exposition.

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